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Geo Thompson in N.Y.
J. Leavitt to England

Dear Wife

I suppose you are ever anxious to hear how I get along & what I am going to do – & especially so just at the present juncture. Well then – to go back to Norwalk – I lectured there on Monday & Tuesday Evenings – good meetings – set the whole town by the ears on the subject. From that place I came to New York on Wednesday, & in the evening attended the meeting of the Ex. Com., when it was decided that Thompson & myself had better make New York our centre for the present, & labor in the "city & general vicinity" ~~by which was meant~~ between this & the Anniversaries. We shall do so – lecturing now & then in the city & then in the intervals going to some of the most important towns up the river – (such as Troy, Albany &c) – & along the sound – (such as New-Haven, Norwich, &, I think Providence). If this arrangement goes into effect, my plan is to visit New Haven with Thompson next week, & shall then, myself, while he is there, trip it up to Farmington & complete the arrangements about the house, & then we shall go to Albany &c to be gone some two or three weeks, then back to New York &, about the 1st of April to Providence, when I shall go to Boston & make arrangements about moving our goods.

It was however proposed in the committee, on Wednesday Evening that brother Leavitt should go forthwith to England, as he wishes to go partly on his own account, to represent us fairly there & refute the slanderous representations that might be made of us by Drs, Codman, Spring & Humphrey, & also consummate a Union of action between our Society & the British & also the French Societies, so as to forestall any movements of the kind that our enemies the Unionists might be disposed to make. If he goes it is not impossible (indeed there seems now to be no other way in which ~~it can be done~~ he can be released) that I shall take his place as editor of the Evangelist until he returns, in which case I shall be located here until sometime in August. In that case I shall of course have you here with me; but shall still, I think, send our furniture to Farmington & make the other arrangements there as before. This matter will be determined in a day or two & you shall then know the result. I shall write, by Thompson, by whom I send this, to Drew in relation to my furniture & request him, if he can, to sell the best glasses, the Card tables & the Sofa, & also to see to removing my books to some place where they can be kept until my arrangements are definitely settled & determined on. I wish you to write Drew immediately what the cost of the glasses was. In regard to our movements here — I will simply say, in addition to what you see in the last Emancipator that yesterday we had another meeting in Dr. Lansing's church for the purpose of forming a Ladies city Society. It was held at 12 o'clock, three or four hundred ladies present, Thompson lectured with great effect, a society was organized, all went off without the least sign of any disturbance, & the cause, I think, has received a new impulse here. The movements here will react on Boston.

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I am now in Mr. Franklin's family. Called yesterday at Mr. Hasbrouck's & delivered ~~my~~ the letters that were forwarded by me. Family there are well as usual. I should have delivered the letters when I came into the city on the previous ~~Thursday~~, ~~Tues~~ Friday but I did not get here till the afternoon & went off unexpectedly at 6½ o'clock the next morning. You will of course tell Mr. Fisk how far I have got along in deciding what arrangements to make in our family matters. I have concluded not to sell Nimrod yet. Give my dear boy a kiss — & take one at least for yourself. I hope for your sake ~~[illegible]~~ that I shall occupy the editor's chair for a few months. However all these things we must leave for God to decide. A good soldier is always ready to fight just where & how & when the Cause most needs him. Sister Mary complained sadly when I was there about her husband's becoming an agent. I asked her what she thought of you. She said she thought you had reason to complain — that married men ought to stay at home & that the unmarried men ought to be the agents — that Paul did so &c — I told her that Paul said that those who had wives should be as those that had none &c. And now how you feel about it I can't say; but I must confess I feel sometimes as though I obeyed Paul in one thing at least. Well no matter. It is good to deny one's self for God's suffering poor. He that watereth shall be watered. Always pray for me.

Your affect. husband
A. A. Phelps.

P.S. I have just received a letter from a man in Farmington who I got to go to our house & estimate the expense of putting on an addition. He estimates it at 375 dollars. I hardly know what to do, —

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Hired man ~~100~~ — 100
Debts that must be paid — — 400 during the year
~~400~~ 900

gives 900 dollars as expenses that must be met & leaves only $100 out of my salary for clothing, incidental expenses &c. &c. The hired man it is true would be mostly paid from Olmsted's board & the farm besides raising most of the family necessaries. I have thought the matter over & over & I think on the whole it will be best to put on the addition. I think we can do that & still pay off a part of the debts & then when we make some other arrangement for ourselves Mother will have a convenient home if it should not be convenient to have her with us, & then if we should sell the farm at the close of the year, the improvements on the house & the improvements the man would make on the farm would make it sell to enough better advantage to pay the expense.

Write me what you think about this arrangement, & how you feel in view of it.

Your dear husband
A. A. Phelps.

P.S. I send you enclosed $10 —

Amos A. Phelps
New York
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